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1. From 1 - 10 May 1955, a conference took place in Moscow which was attended by representatives of the USSR, China, and the Soviet Bloc countries, the object of which was to arrive at a mutually satisfactory system for the marketing of Chinese exports in the West. Differences of opinion had arisen between China and the other members of the Sino-Soviet Bloc, because purchasers in the West were unwilling to pay the Chinese in dollars for their goods and were able, at the same time, to purchase the same goods transit Hungary, or another Soviet Bloc country, at a substantially lower price.
2. The outcome of this conference was that Chinese products were classified into two separate categories:
 - a. Goods for sale to the USSR and the Satellite states and not to be permitted, as hitherto, to be re-exported.
 - b. Goods for sale directly to the West.

The effect of this arrangement will be that China will no longer have to face competition from her Communist partners in her attempt to secure markets in the West, and Western importers will no longer be in a position to force down the prices of Chinese goods.

3. The representatives present agreed that other differences of opinion on economic affairs between China and the rest of the Bloc were minor.

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